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SUBJ: SUGAR ASSOCIATION WARY OF BREAKING COMMONWEALTH SUGAR
ASSOCIATION (CSA)

1. BARBADOS SUGAR PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION' DIRECTOR, ERSKINE
WARD, EXPRESSED BSPA'S CONCERN THAT CURRENT EFFORTS BY GOB
AND OTHER AREA GOVERNMENTS TO FOREGO CSA COMMITMENTS IN
FAVOR OF SALES TO MORE LUCRATIVE MARKETS (E.G. U.S.) MAY
BE OVERLOOKING NEED FOR MARKET STABILITY. ACCORDING TO RADIO
REPORT, WARD WARNED THAT SUGAR PRICE CYCLES HAVE DOWNS AS
WELL AS UPS AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AGREEMENTS SUCH AS CSA
HAD FREQUENTLY BENEFITED INDUSTRY IN TIMES OF DEPRESSED PRICES.

2. COMMENT: WEST INDIES SUGAR ASSN. SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET
ANNOUNCED WISA POSITION BUT PRESUMABLY SHARES BSPA VIEWS
REGARDING NEED FOR STABLE MARKET. AT THIS STAGE IT SEEMS
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT FINANCIALLY HARD-PRESSED GOB (AND OTHER
AREA GOVERNMENTS) MAY SIMPLY OVER-RIDE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN
ORDER TO COPE WITH FINANCIAL SQUEEZE ENGENDERED BY ENERGY
CRISIS AND INFLATION.
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